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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Goodreau et al., in the U. S. National Stage of:

PCT Application No. US98/20933

Filed: October 13, 1998

For: COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR MULTI-PURPOSE TREATMENT OF METAL SURFACES

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Sir:

Before calculation of the national stage fee and before examination, in the national stage for the United States, of the above-captioned application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, please amend as follows the application as originally filed:

In the Specification

On page 30 at the top thereof, please insert--

The invention claimed is:

In the Claims

Please rewrite claims 11 and 16 as follows:

11. (amended) A primary make-up concentrate composition that is suitable for mixing with water and, optionally, one or more other materials to produce an aqueous liquid working composition for use in a process according to [any one of] claim[s] 1[- 10], said primary make-up concentrate composition comprising water and
- an amount of component (A) that corresponds stoichiometrically to an amount of H_3PO_4 that constitutes at least about 20 % of the total primary make-up concentrate;
 - at least about 0.50 moles of one or more metal atoms or boron atoms associated with fluorine atoms in an anion per kilogram of the total primary make-up concentrate; and
 - at least about 4.0 percent of component (C) as defined in claim 1.

16. (amended) A primary make-up concentrate composition that is suitable for mixing with water and, optionally, one or more other materials to produce an aqueous liquid working composition for use in a process according to [any one of] claim[s] 1[- 10], said primary make-up concentrate com-